

City of Fairmont-Human Rights Commission

**Minutes of:
Regular Meeting
June 22, 2022- 5:30 pm**

The duly called and noticed meeting of the City of Fairmont Human Rights commission was held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM.

Larry Buckland, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Members

Members present:

Dusty Merrill
Cyndy Straight
Larry Buckland
Tiffany Samuels
Robert Martin

Whereupon a quorum of commissioners was determined to be present for the purposes of conducting the business of said commission as set forth on the Agenda.

Motion to excuse Miki Demary-Andrew and Dan Swiger was made by Cyndy Straight and seconded by Robert Martin.

In RE: Approval of Meeting minutes from May 25, 2022: Minutes were sent out for review by the commissioners prior to the meeting. No discussion took place.

Dusty Merrill moved that the minutes be approved.
Cyndy Straight seconded the motion.

Minutes were approved.

In RE: Commissioners' Reports and Announcements:

- Larry reported that he attended the City Council meeting last Tuesday to speak about the HRC's support of the city website using a pride logo. There were some people who spoke against it. Also, he reported that a letter had been sent to the City Council members that said that human rights issues should come before the HRC before going to the City Council.
- Tiffany announced that it was the one year anniversary of the DSF Stop. Juneteenth, which was held on June 18th was a huge success. Thirty people were vaccinated for Covid. There were no incidents around the park.
- Larry thanked all who helped with HRC table at Juneteenth.
- Cyndy thanked commissioners that helped with the Pride Picnic, which was also held on June 18th, and gave a shout out to Councilwoman Donna Blood who helped with the HRC table at the event.
- Dusty has put together an HRC Facebook page and asked that any ideas for it be forwarded to him.

In RE: OPEN CITIZEN FORUM

Renee' Verbanic - announced that the materials that the HRC dispersed at Juneteenth and the Pride Picnic were donated by West Virginia Prevention Solutions.

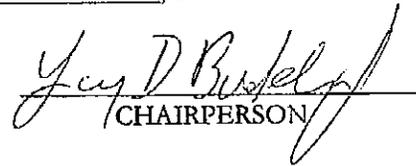
Kathy Islam - announced that Literacy Volunteers were holding an event on July 29th at 6 PM at the 12th Street Pool. Sign up will be at 5 PM.

Cathy Reed- Council of Churches will have a meeting on Thursday, June 23rd at the First Baptist Church.

In RE: Education Committee - The floor was given to Renee' Verbanic who conducted a bullying workshop entitled "Empowering Upstanders" for the Commission and the public via Zoom from 6-7:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Approved this the 24th day of August, 2022.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Secretary